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**UTILITY**  
**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL**  
(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	TI-31729
First Named Inventor or Application Identifier	Gu qiang Xing, et al.
Title	Dual Hardmask Process for the Formation of Copper/LW-K Interconnects
Express Mail Label No.	EL645456468US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2.  Specification [Total Pages 24]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 USC d113)  
(informal) [Total Sheets 7]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]

a.  Newly Executed (original or copy)

b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

[Note Box 5 below]

i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of  
the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as  
being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
hereby incorporated by reference therein.**ADDRESS TO:**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a.  Computer Readable Copy

b.  Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c.  Statement verifying identical of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))

9.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)  Power of Attorney

10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

12.  Preliminary Amendment

13.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

14.  Small Entity Statement(s)  Statement filed in prior application  
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
if foreign priority is claimed

16.  Other:

A new statement is required to be entitled to pay small entity fees, except  
where one has been filed in a prior application and is being relied upon.

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

 Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: /

Prior application Information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group / Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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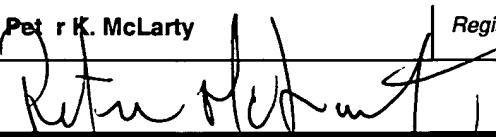
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1.

These are the fees effective October 1, 1997

Small Entity payments **must** be supported by a small entity statement, otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**

(\$ 710.00)

**Complete If Known****Application Number**

Filing Date 07/09/2001

First Named Inventor Gu qiang Xing, et al.

Examiner Name

Group / Art Unit

Attorney Docket No. TI-31729

**METHOD OF PAYMENT****FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to the following Deposit Account,

Deposit Account Number 20-0668

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2.  Payment Enclosed:

Check  Money Order  Other

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	

139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
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147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
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112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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116	400	216	200	Extension of time within second month	
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117	950	217	475	Extension of time within third month	
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118	1,510	218	755	Extension of time within fourth month	
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128	2,060	228	1,030	Extension of time within fifth month	
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119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
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120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
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138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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141	1,320	241	660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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142	1,320	242	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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143	450	243	225	Design issue fee	
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144	670	244	335	Plant issue fee	
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122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
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126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
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581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (time number of properties)	
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146	790	246	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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149	790	249	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	790	201	395	Utility filing fee	\$710
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	\$
107	540	207	270	Plant filing fee	\$
108	790	208	395	Reissue filing fee	\$
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	\$
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$710)	

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below		Fee Paid
13	-20** =	0	x 18	= 0.00
3	-3** =	0	x 80	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent				

\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissue, see below

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	22	203	11	Claims in excess of 20
102	82	202	41	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3
109	82	209	41	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	22	210	11	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$0)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) 0.00

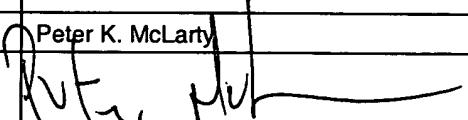
Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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